

Sum It Up! National Dropout Prevention Conference

Brief Overview of Presentations

In Order of School or Organization

🔥 **Franklin Schargel**, School Success Network, NM. www.schoolsuccessnetwork.org “Building America’s Economy: From the Schoolhouse to the Workplace” “Helping Students Graduate: Strategies and Tools to Prevent School Dropouts”

🔥 **William Cleveland**, Center for the Study of Art & Community, WA. www.artandcommunity.com “COMMON SENSE & COMMON GROUND: Building Successful Youth Arts Collaborations in Communities and Schools”

🔥 **Ron Glodoski**, Turn Around Publishing, Inc. WI. www.ronglodoski.com “Motivating Unmotivated Students”

Karen Shiner, Academic Innovations, UT. “Motivating Freshmen for Higher Academic Achievement”

Jeffrey Fuller, Alchesay High School, AZ. “NADPI – Alchesay’s Comprehensive Approach”

Leslie Brock, American Institutes for Research, CA. “Students Highly At Risk of Dropout: Returning to School After Incarceration”

Dr. Ann Hart, Arizona Department of Education, Discipline Initiative. “Preventing Classroom Discipline Problems”

Peter Laing, Arizona Department of Education, Gifted & AP Education. “Identifying and Developing Talent and Potential Every Day = Every Child Moving Forward!”

Bonnie Talakte, Arizona Department of Education, Native American Dropout Prevention Initiative. “Response to the Native American Dropout Crisis: How Two Arizona Tribal High Schools are Collaborating with Their Communities to Address the Dropout Crisis”

Dr. Michael Niles, Arizona State University. “American Indian School Dropout Prevention In Arizona: What We Know and Where We Are Going”

Russell Dunham, Centennial High School, AZ. “The Freshmen Path: Practical, Personal & Purposeful Transition”

Shannon O’Brien, Children’s Resources, CA. “Understanding How Race and Culture Effect Classroom Learning”

Paul Cunningham, Club Services, AZ. “The Hoop Dreams Curriculum”

Edna Morris, Desert Winds High School, AZ. “Psychosocial + Academics = Success!”

Linda Rourke, Developmental Studies Center, CA. “When Words Get in the Way: Word Recognition and Fluency in Grades 6-12”

Linda Rourke, Developmental Studies Center, CA. “Making Reading Relevant: Comprehension Strategies in a Caring Community”

Richard Nangle, EdGate – Total Reader, AZ. “Effectively Benchmarking and Continuously Measuring Reading Progress with Lexiles”

David Reed, Edoptions, Inc. “Using Web-Based Learning to Create Diverse Learning Opportunities that Retain or Recover Drop-Outs, Optimizing Student Success”

Gary Loutzenheiser, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, AZ.

Dr. Rebecca Dedmond, The George Washington University, VA. “Success Is a Personalized Course and 10 Year Plan for ALL 9th Graders!”

Vanessa Girard, Gila River Indian Community, AZ. “High School Survival”

Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Glendale Union High School District, AZ. “It Takes a Village”

Laurie Provost, GLSEN, AZ. “From Teasing to Torment: Creating Safe Schools for All!”

Linda Cantú, Intercultural Development Research Association, Texas. “The Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program”

Jason Moore, Jobs for America’s Graduates, AZ. “JAG – Student Ownership + Relevance = Success”

Kathy Hess-Reneau, KDR Consultants, TX. “Motivating the Unmotivated, Educating in the 21st Century”

Elisabeth Roberts, LeCroy & Milligan Associates, Inc. “Developing a Professional Learning Community for Dropout Prevention in Arizona”

Debra Duardo, Los Angeles Unified School District, CA. “Ensuring A Future For All Students: Getting to the Diploma”

Sharife Rowe, Make A Difference, **Katherine Princic**, Youth Re:Action Corps, **Cassie Hilpman**, Communities in Schools of Arizona, “Students Succeeding through Service: S^3”

Belinda Stevens, Marana Unified School District, AZ. “Student Transitions, Real Game Overview and Career Day Planning”

Dr. Brian Mathieson, Mesa Public Schools, AZ. “Successful Strategies to Dropout Prevention in a Large School District”

Dorothy Batiste, Mohave Accelerated Learning Center “Stepping Up To Success”

Gillian Vormittag, Monument Valley High School, AZ. “Mustangs Breaking Ranks: A Rez Story for Beginners”

Dr. Mary Jeanne Munroe, Navajo County Coalition Against Substance Abuse, AZ. “Juvenile Leadership Academy”

Dr. Jon Reyhner, Northern Arizona University. American Indian Education

Dr. Brian Merrill, Northern Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology, AZ. “Connecting Community, Careers and College to help Students Stay in School”

Joan Shaughnessy, Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, OR. “Small Learning Communities: A Schoolwide Dropout Prevention Strategy”

Dr. Bill Lamperes, Peoria Transition Center, AZ. “Alpha: The Glue that Bonds Staff, Students and Parents to Success”

Dr. Bill Lamperes, Peoria transition Center, AZ. “The Alpha Workshop: How to Create Your Own Foundation for Success”

Dr. Liza Herzog, Philadelphia Education Fund, PA. “Keeping Middle Grades Students on Track to Graduation”

Paul Reeves, Phoenix Process & Performance Improvement (PPI), AZ. “Learning to Write in Spite of Our Culture”

Savina Dhawan, Primavera Online High School, AZ. “Personalized e-learning”

Patricia Jackson, RCB Medical Arts High School, AZ. “A Working School = A Working America”

Chris McIntier, Salt River Pima – Maricopa Community Schools, AZ. “Maricopa Achieving a College Education (ACE) Program: The Native American Initiative”

Sheila Dennie, The National Coalition for At-Risk Schools, TN. “Coalition 4 Schools Producing Outcomes For Tomorrow’s Leaders Today”

Jimmy Garcia Arispe, The National Coalition for At-Risk Schools, GA. “Building Families - Keeping Our Most At-Risk Kids in School”

Dr. H.E. “Doc” Holliday, The National Coalition for At-Risk Schools, TN. “Reigniting the Academic Pilot Lights of Boys & Girls using Gender Education”

Jennifer Rubini, The Granato Group, VA. “Linking Dropout Prevention and Delinquency Prevention for At-Risk Girls”

Christian Moore, The WhyTry Organization, UT. “Why Try? Innovative Interventions That Provide Hope and Motivate Youth”

Frank Crump, Unified Progress International (UPI) Education. “UPI Education – Life Skills Solutions TM Curriculum”

Dr. Kris Bosworth, University of Arizona “Community Service for Suspended Students: A Step-By-Step Toolkit”

Mary Beth Foster, University of Arizona, SALT Center. “Creating University/High School Connections for At-Risk Students”

Chris Magdaleno, Vista Alternative High School, AZ. “Vista HS = A Drop-Out Prevention School That Works”

Richard Trujillo, West Valley Arts Council, AZ. “‘The Sleeping Catalyst’: What We Don’t Understand, Hurts Us. Arts = Retention”

 = **Keynote / Guest Speaker**

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